

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	Tasmanian Trotting Club
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	N Finnigan (Chair) R Neal, R Brown, J Gleeson & R Simpson
<b>Officials:</b>	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr M Buckerfield (Veterinarian); A Emery (Starter)

### **Race 1 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**LOMBO HEAVEN** – Declared a late scratching at 3:18pm for Veterinary reasons after arriving on course with a Veterinary condition. Stewards acting under Veterinary advice stood LOMBO HEAVEN down from racing for a period of 10 days.

**YOUNG ROOSTER** – Held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish, before switching to the inside to utilise the sprint lane.

**WE SALUTE YOU** – Lost its off-side rein burr early in the home straight in the run to the finish.

### **Race 2 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 1609m Mobile**

**NORBET** – Hung in on the final turn resulting in several marker pegs being struck. A warning was issued.

**General:** Driver B Woodsford was reprimanded for failing to trail correctly in the back straight on the final occasion [AHR Rule 163(3)].

**General:** Driver P Ashwood was fined \$200 for the manner he used his whip over the concluding stages on MAXI JOLT [AHR Rule 156(2)].

### **Race 3 – MORE CONFIDENCE CONSULTING PACE – 1609m Mobile**

**SABALENKA LEIS** – Hung in, particularly on the turns, contacting numerous marker pegs. A warning was issued.

**MY ULTIMATE JACKO** – Led the one-out line. Under pressure from the 500 metres, tiring to be beaten in excess of 70 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and stood MY ULTIMATE JACKO down from racing until trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

**SARASUN** – Caught racing wide for the majority of the first lap. Over-racing and pulling hard. Faded badly over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 110 metres. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and stood SARASUN down from racing until trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards on two(2) consecutive occasions.

#### **Race 4 – CAVALOR EQUICARE PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**RUBY BABY NZ** – Raced in a forward trailing position where it over-raced in the middle stages of the event. Tired badly to be beaten in excess of 170 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and stood RUBY BABY NZ down from racing until trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

**SOMEDAN** – Completed the event with a deflated near-side sulky tyre. Shifted in near the 800 metres, resulting in its sulky wheel striking a marker post.

**LORD VERDE NZ** – Held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

**WHERE YA BIN NZ** – Held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

**HELANSIN** – Hung in on the final turn resulting in its sulky wheel striking marker pegs.

#### **Race 5 – RACING CONNECT PACE – 1609m Mobile**

**EQUITY STRIDE** – Checked near the 400 metres when BIGJIMVALENTINE galloped, breaking gait for a short distance.

**MAJOR LESTER** – Held up for clear running in the early stages of the home straight in the run to the finish.

**General:** Drivers N Ford (ENDEAVOUR STRIDE), M Yole (BIGJIMVALENTINE) and C Castles (GORDIEVSKY LEIS) were questioned into the reason why BIGJIMVALENTINE broke gait approaching the 400 metres. Stewards, after hearing from the drivers, reviewing the official race footage, and taking their own observations into account, could not attribute the incident to any one driver nor horse and deemed this to be a racing incident. As such, Stewards took no action other than to remind drivers of their obligations when changing racing lines and allowing sufficient clearance for racing purposes.

#### **Race 6 – LADBROKE IT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**CC JONES NZ** – Raced outside the leader for the majority of the event where it had a tendency to over-race. Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 40 metres.

**General:** P Ashwood's driving licence was suspended for two(2) race dates for failing to keep SHARKBITE ALTO from shifting in during the event which resulted in numerous marker pegs being struck, dislodging several [AHR Rule 163(1)(c)(ii)].

#### **Race 7 – YOUNG GROUP PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**YORKSHIRE NZ** – Tightened for racing room on entering the home straight when RACKEMUP TIGERPIE shifted ground.

**CULLENBURN NZ** – Tightened for racing room on entering the home straight when RACKEMUP TIGERPIE shifted ground.

**HICKSTEAD NZ** – Shifted in racing into the first turn resulting in a marker peg being struck.

**RACKEMUP TIGERPIE** – Hung in badly racing on the final turn and then shifted out on entering the home straight for the run to the finish. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. On questioning, driver and stable representative, N Ford stated that RACKEMUP TIGERPIE had raced below its best tonight and was of the opinion that a change of gear and minor Veterinary help would see an improvement. Further, Mr Ford informed Stewards that he would be having a full blood analysis carried out on RACKEMUP TIGERPIE and would report to Stewards should anything come to light which may help explain the disappointing performance.

#### **Race 8 – NUTRIENT SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**LETSPLAYUNI** – Shifted ground sharply after the start, contacting SAPPHIRE GAMBLER. A warning was issued.

**SAPPHIRE GAMBLER** – Checked after the start.

#### **Race 9 – LADBROKE HUB PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**SPORTY FRANK** – Checked racing into the first turn on two(2) separate occasions. Contacting markers.

**PLEASE SHUDDUP NZ** – Checked racing into the first turn. Tired badly, beaten in excess of 130 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. Stewards deemed the performance below the required standard and stood PLEASE SHUDDUP NZ down from racing until trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

**HES APPLES** – Left a rearward trailing position mid-race, working forward to be positioned leading the one-out line. Failed to run on over the concluding stages as might have been expected, beaten approximately 40 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. On questioning, trainer/driver D Ford stated that after making the mid-race move the tempo quickened up over the middle two quarters which did not suit his gelding, adding that although HES APPLES is competitive over the 2090 metre journey, it is better suited to the shorter 1609 metres trip. Mr Ford added that all things considered he was not overly disappointed with HES APPLES performance adding he believes the gelding will be more competitive when he drops the ODM status. Stewards noted the evidence as presented.

**General:** Driver B Woodsford was charged under AHR Rule 163(1)(a)(iii) for causing interference to both SPORTY FRANK and PLEASE SHUDDUP NZ racing into the first turn, and then again to SPORTY FRANK approximately 50 metres later, through his movement closer to the markers when insufficiently clear of these runners. Driver Woodsford pleaded guilty to the charge, and after hearing submissions on penalty, Stewards suspended his licence to drive for four(4) race dates, effective immediately, making driver Woodsford eligible to return to race driving on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### **Race 10 – CASCADE DRAUGHT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

No racing incidents

**Supplementary:** At the conclusion of the meeting trainer B Yole confirmed that RUBY BABY NZ had begun to show signs of 'tying-up'. LOMBO HEAVEN, which was scratched on arriving on-course will be given a let-up. The racing program of MY ULTIMATE JACKO will be reassessed, with the probable move to his Victorian satellite stable. Stewards also confirmed the tactics adopted on PLEASE SHUDDUP NZ, Mr Yole is of the belief that the gelding is best suited, wherever possible, to secure a forward trailing position.

**Supplementary:** Stewards concluded an adjourned inquiry held over from Launceston Pacing Club's meeting held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which concerned an incident out of Race 9 at the Launceston Pacing Club on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023. Stewards after taking evidence from drivers G Rattray (YOUNG ROOSTER) and D Ford (LYNRYD SKYNRYD), reviewing official race footage and stills taken from that footage, charged driver Ford for improper driving, alleging that he reached out with his right hand a grabbed the sulky shaft of YOUNG ROOSTER. Driver Ford was found guilty of the charge and Stewards suspended his licence to drive for three(3) race meetings. In reaching penalty Stewards were mindful of the fact that the action was short-lived and seemed to have no effect on the running of YOUNG ROOSTER, which was under some pressure at the time, weighed up against this, was the fact that driver Ford was found guilty of (although subject to appeal) improper driving on 27<sup>th</sup> August from a convened inquiry from Race 6 at Launceston pacing Club's meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023, together with these considerations, is that any improper charge and subsequent finding is of real concern to Stewards.

#### RACE MEETING SUMMARY

<b>Suspensions:</b>	LPC 03.09.23: D Ford – Drive in an Improper manner – 3 meetings R6: P Ashwood – Contact Markers – 2 meetings R9: B Woodsford – Interference – 4 meetings
<b>Fines:</b>	R2: P Ashwood \$200 – Unapproved whip
<b>Reprimands:</b>	R2: B Woodsford – Trail incorrectly
<b>Horse Action:</b>	R1: LOMBO HEAVEN – Stood down 10 days R3: MY ULTIMATE JACKO – Stood down 1 trial R3: SARASUN – Stood down 2 trials R4: RUBY BABY NZ – Stood down 1 trial R9: PLEASE SHUDDUP – Stood down 1 trial
<b>Pre-race Swabs</b>	R2: POWERHIT PASCOE R3: CEDRIC SEYMOUR R4: KENYA NZ R5: ENDEAVOUR STRIDE R6: ROCK ON PLAYBOY R9: HES APPLES R10: AUNTY BESSY

<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	ALL WINNERS
<b>Adjourned or Pending Inquiries:</b>	NIL

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